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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: OLIGOMERIC HYDROXY ARYLETHER PHTHALONITILES AND SYNTHESIS  
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## RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the Office action of 05/16/2005, setting a three month shortened statutory period of reply, please consider the following remarks.

Claims 1-7, 22-31, and 56-58 are pending in the application. No claims are presently allowed.

## Finality of Rejection

The final rejection includes a new ground of rejection of all the pending claims under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph for alleged lack of enablement, and stated that Applicants' amendment necessitated the new ground of rejection. (p. 3, lines 16-17.) The rejection concerns the limitation "with or without substituents containing one or more fused aromatic rings, one or more non-fused aromatic rings without intervening functional groups, or combinations thereof wherein the radical sites are on the same or different aromatic rings." This limitation was present in claims 1 and 3 at the time of the non-final action and was added by amendment to claims 22, 24, and 26 in response to the non-final action.

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